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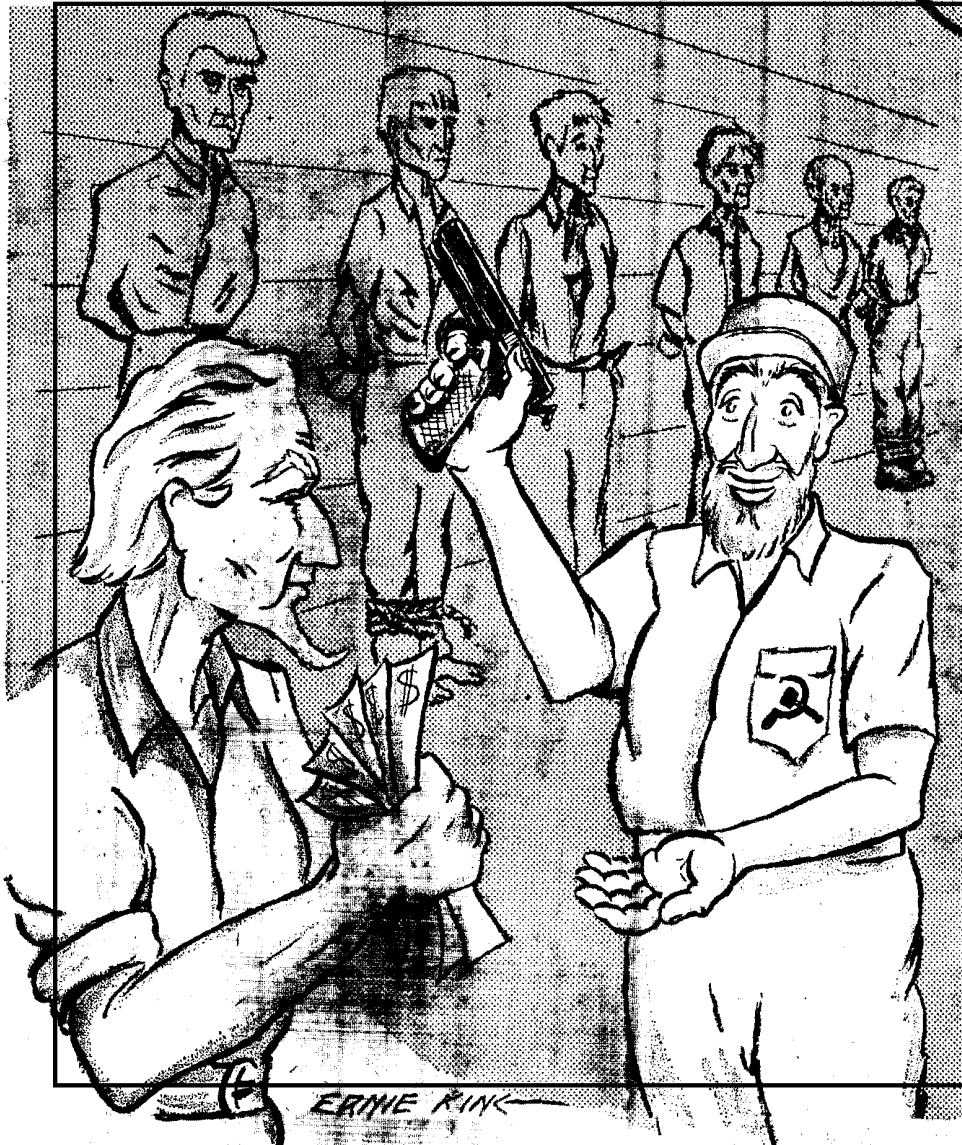
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# 'Care to Give to Communism?'

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Our cartoonist, Ernie King, has caught the reaction of most of us to government participation in ransoms for the Cuban patriots held by Castro's government since the fiasco in the Bay of Pigs a year ago April.

Nevertheless, in spite of repugnance we have for not telling Castro to peddle his prisoners somewhere else, we can't avoid acknowledgement of the government by its string of errors over Castro has an obligation to these men.

The United States fostered an invasion and helped train these men. This was somewhat "chicken" in the first place, hiring some

Communists out of the Western Hemisphere. But any other course was probably political suicide for the Eisenhower or any Administration that tried direct U.S. intervention.

We haven't been so long out of Korea we can take another of these half-hearted

The Republican Administration erred by taking advice of State Department channels when there was awareness all over Washington that Castro was a Communist and therefore likely to be a tool of the Russian empire when he got power.

The Democratic Administration went ahead with the invasion by Cubans the

Intelligence Agency's direction. This had a chance of succeeding. But the weak sisters around President Kennedy prevailed upon him to pull the rug from under the invaders at a crucial moment. If we had better prepared the attack, if we had thrown air support to the invaders—but we didn't.

So if it's an unworthy thing to be "buying off" Castro to free these prisoners, we must admit they are prisoners because we lacked the national fortitude and determination to make their errand of rescue for their homeland a success. We don't like it, but—